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Exxon Mobil Pipeline Crude Oil Spill – Region 6
Mayflower, AR**

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US Environmental Protection Agency Report as of 1:30 PM EDT, 4/1/13

Overview: On March 29, 2013 at 1706 EDT, Exxon Mobil Pipeline (RP) reported a release of crude oil from a 20-inch pipeline in Mayflower, AR (Faulkner County). The RP has revised its estimate of the amount discharged from the pipeline from 2,000 barrels (bbl) to 4,000 - 7,000 bbl. Approximately 200 people are responding to the incident in addition to federal, state, and local resources. So far, 15 vacuum trucks and 34 frac tanks have been deployed to the site to cleanup and temporarily store the recovered oil. Cleanup crews have deployed approximately 4,200 feet of boom in the spill area and in Lake Conway as a precaution. No oil has reached Lake Conway, which is a tributary of the Arkansas River. The Unified Command has endorsed the cleanup plan. Because the oil spill exceeds 250 barrels, it is classified as a “major” spill per the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is investigating the cause of the spill.

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: The city of Mayflower continues to recommend evacuation of 22 homes on Starlite Road and Shade Tree Lane. The Mayflower Police Department is providing escorts for residents from the area closest to the pipeline breach to return to their homes temporarily to pick up personal items. Emergency response efforts are focused on ensuring the safety of the community

members and the response workers, addressing community concerns and the cleanup process.

EPA Actions: Two additional EPA Region 6 OSCs are on scene to assist the lead OSC and will integrate into the planning and operations sections of Unified Command. An EPA Region 6 Public Information Officer has also arrived on scene and will integrate into the Unified Command's PIO section. EPA and supporting START contractors continue performing community air monitoring to identify levels in the residential areas adjacent to the spill and evacuated areas. As a precautionary measure, EPA is also developing plans to potentially perform air monitoring indoors at impacted homes once residents are allowed to return. In addition, the EPA OSC continues performing oversight of oil recovery in heavily impacted areas, and monitoring containment areas to prevent oil migration into Lake Conway. EPA opened the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) to fund EPA's activities.

Media Interest: High - incident has received national press coverage.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/automotive/sns-rt-us-exxon-pipeline-spillbre92u002-20130330,0,446829.story>

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<http://news.yahoo.com/exxon-shuts-oil-pipeline-major-pipeline-spill-arkansas-010122537--finance.html>

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provided updates as needed.

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